



Energy Improvement District

Hank Ashforth – Chairman

Robert Hartt

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

Energy Improvement District

888 Washington Boulevard

Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for August 20, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

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EID Members

Hank Ashforth - Chairman

Bob Hartt

Polly Rauh

Absent – Joel Selden

Thomas Madden

Economic Development Staff

Robin Stein

Kathy Ruther

Guests:

Lou Casolo– City of Stamford Engineering

Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy (via phone)

Justin Bevis – CL&P

Megan Saunders – 2030 District, CT Fund for the Environment

Meeting came to order at 8:35am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Issues Discussed:

1. Approval of Minutes – minutes approved for July 16th.

Motion: Bob Hartt moved to accept July 16th minutes, seconded by Polly Rauh, minutes approved.

Hank Ashforth reiterated the importance of keeping the Engineering Dept staffing issues in the forefront of EID discussions.

2. Celtic Energy Report – Chris Lotspeich – Attachment A

Chris Lotspeich joined the group by phone and reviewed the handout he provided in advance.

The Committee discussed the number of companies submitting bids – 12 companies were sent the RFP, 6 came to initial meeting, Johnson Controls notified us they were pulling out.

Discussion around RFP Committee and process. Anticipate large time commitment for Committee members. Proposals will be lengthy. One full day of interviews would be ideal situation. Celtic will provide quantitative review of each proposal to the selection committee. Review of selection Committee Candidates – suggestions include Bd of Finance (Richard Freedman), Board of Reps – Fountain, Kooris, Day. Hank suggested a memo from Thomas and Mayor, requesting representation from departments and/or Boards, would be helpful. Administration Director, Michael Pollard (instead of Thomas), Planning Board members, Charlie Benzyk, Justin Bevis, David Kooris, Jay Fountain, Gene Palmer and Michael Indelicato are all suggested as members or advisors. Nancy Pipicelli will represent Engineering. Hank will speak with Thomas about moving forward with requests for representation to Boards. Celtic will draft letter for Hank with brief description and timeline.

Discussion continued regarding need to focus quickly in light of timing if the proposal needs to go before the boards. Phases of project may not meet the threshold for approvals – 1st phase doesn't, 2nd phase does, etc. DEEP Grant proposal likely due next summer. Discussion around Board of Reps request process, and how to inform them properly.

Celtic will send Beverly Aveni in Purchasing an email with steps and dollars anticipated, and timing. Discussion around Board of Ed, they will not vote but will still have to provide access to the schools.

Other Celtic Activities – Qualitative Energy – did Stamford ever apply? That may be another source of money. Conservation Bond – Celtic will work with Karen Cammarotta.

3. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be September 17th. There may be some conflicts with the December meeting date, Kathy will look into alternate dates for the month of December.

Meeting adjourned at 09:35am

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther